

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 31 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The sole figure~~ Fig. 1 is a cross-sectional view of a dual cover with a clamping closure mechanism according to the invention, and

Fig. 2 is a view like that of Fig. 1 showing however a support ring for the engagement by the closure mechanism.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The cover 1 is provided at its circumference with a cylindrical or truncated cone-like circumferential guide surface 9 and a circumferential planar seal surface 10, which is adopted in design on the opening of the container which is to be closed but which is not shown in the drawing. The opening of a container for radioactive or toxic waste materials is generally planar. It is also generally of round or polygonal shape. Between the seal surface 10 of the cover 1 and the container opening to be closed, there is member 10' a seal of limited resiliency preferably a rubber or plastic seal with or without cavities is provided by way of which the cover is supported on the container 1a.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4 , line 27 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The U-profile members 8 extending radially outwardly from the sleeve structure 7 are rigidly connected to the sleeve structure 7 preferably by bolt or weld connections. Together they form the support arm carrier. By way of the

sleeve 7, ~~it the support arm carrier 7, 8~~ is connected in a suitable manner, preferably by a bolt connection with the collar stud 4 and is guided thereby by the spring guide member 6. The spring guide member 6, which is firmly connected to the engagement head 2 which again is connected to the cover 1 also supports and guides the compression spring 5 and transmits the force of the compression spring 5 to the sleeve structure 7. In this way, the U-profiles 8 of the support arm carrier remain in any possible position parallel to the plane defined by the seal surface 10 of the seam member 10'.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A novel feature of the cover is the design of the clamping structure arranged at the circumference of the cover. Each of the clamping devices comprises a radially outwardly projecting elbow lever structure 11, which is connected between an upper support bearing 12 on the cover and a lower support bearing 13 on the support arm structure 7, 8, which is disposed in a plane extending parallel to the cover plane and by which the elbow lever structure 11 can be actuated. The upper support bearing 12 is preferably in the form of a support block 15, which is firmly welded to the underside of the cover 1, and which includes a pivot pin connection. The lower support bearing 13 is provided at the ends of the U-profile members 8 and also includes a pivot pin joint. The elbow lever arrangement is so designed that, by raising the support arm carrier with the support bearings 13 in the direction toward the cover (which occurs by the forces of the compression spring for locking) the elbow 14 pivots about the pin connection of the support bearing 12 and is moved thereby outwardly and upwardly toward the seal

surface 10. In the process, the elbow first moves into the groove 14' in the container wall or in a support ring 16 (Fig. 2) just below the container opening in a form fitting manner and, with increasing upward movement of the support arm structure, engages the seal surface 10 of the cover with the rim of the container or, respectively, the seam member 10'.